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SUBJ: IVORIAN CANDIDATURE OF MADAME LIGUER-LAUBHOUET FOR
DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL OF WIPO

1. THE EMBASSY IS IN RECEIPT OF A DIPLOMATIC NOTE OF JANUARY 3, 1975 FROM THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS INFORMING US OF THE CANDIDATURE OF MADAME KETTY-LINA LIGUER-LAUBHOUET FOR THE POSITION OF DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION(WIPO). THE ELECTION WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE MEETING OF THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE OF WIPO AT GENEVA FEBRUARY 18, 1975. THE NOTE FORMALLY REQUESTS THE SUPPORT OF THE USG FOR THE CANDIDATURE OF MADAME LIGUER-LAUBHOUET AND INFORMS US THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF SENEGAL HAS YIELDED IN FAVOR OF THE IVORY COAST CANDIDATE. (THE ONLY OTHER CANDIDATE IS SAID TO BE AN INDIAN.)

2. THE CURRICULUM VITAE ON MADAME LIGUER-LAUBHOUET, ATTACHED TO THE NOTE, SHOWS: IVORIAN NATIONALITY; BORN 1937; NATIVE LANGUAGE FRENCH, GOOD ENGLISH; LICENSE (MA) HISTORY AND DIPLOME DE L'ECONLE NATIONALE SUPERIEURE DE BIBLIOTHECAIRES AT PARIS; PRESENT POSITION IS CHIEF OF LIBRARIES AND PUBLICATIONS, AND DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL LIBRARY, UNDER THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION. SHE HAS REPRESENTED IVORY COAST AT VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

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ON THE RIGHTS OF AUTHORS (1967-1973), SERVED AS AN EXPERT AT

UNESCO AND WIPO CONFERENCES, AND AS A DELEGATE TO A VARIOUS AFRICAN CONFERENCES ON PROTECTION OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTIES; SHE HAS BEEN AWARDED THE TITLE OF OFFICER OF THE IVORIAN ORDER OF MERIT.

3. MADAME LIGUER-LAUBHOUET IS WELL AND FAVORABLY KNOWN TO ME AND OTHER OFFICERS OF THIS EMBASSY. SHE IS A CAPABLE WOMAN AND HAS DONE AN OUTSTANDING JOB ON THE NATIONAL LIBRARY. SHE HAS BEEN VERY COOPERATIVE IN HELPING US ARRANGE CULTURAL EVENTS. SHE IS ALSO WELL REGARDED BY PRESIDENT HOUPHOUET, WHO FREQUENTLY ARRANGES THAT SHE BE FEATURED ON WOMEN'S AFFAIRS.

4. MADAME LIGUER-LAUBHOUET SAYS SHE IS KNOWN BY THE CHIEF OF THE US DELEGATION TO WIPO, HARVEY G. WINTER, DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF BUSINESS PRACTICES, DEPARTMENT OF STATE, AND BY HIS DEPUTY, BARBARA RINGER, REGISTRAR OF COPYRIGHTS OF THE LIBRARY OF COMMERCE.

5. PROVIDED DEPARTMENT DOES NOT HAVE OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS TO THE CONTRARY, I HOPE THE US DELEGATE CAN BE INSTRUCTED TO SUPPORT MADAME LIGUER-LAUBHOUET'S CANDIDATURE AND THAT I CAN BE AUTHORIZED TO INFORM THE GOIC IN ADVANCE OF USG SUPPORT.

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